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REP. MARKEY ENCOURAGES CLOSING GAPING LOOPHOLES IN AVIATION SECURITY

TERROR THREAT ALERT AT AIRPORTS SHOULD REMAIN HIGH

Washington, D.C. - Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a Senior Member of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, released the following statement regarding the lowering of the terror threat level alert by Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge today:

"While I am happy that the Bush Administration has kept airports and some other critical infrastructure at an orange terror threat level, there are still many gaping loopholes in our homeland security. The Administration continues to allow passenger planes to fly with tons of cargo that has not been screened for explosives. I hope that the Administration will stop opposing my efforts to require the full screening of cargo on passenger planes, because such a gaping loophole should not exist at any terror threat level."

For more information, please refer to Rep. Markey's website at www.house.gov/markey.

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